The Chief Engineer will go and inspect the locality himself before arriving at a decision either way.

In re. the putting up of culverts and sluices on the southern and western sides of Kundaman *chira* in the Adichanallur *pakuthi*, the Chief Engineer says that he will submit a detailed report after local investigation.

As regards the improvement of the waste lands near the bank of the Kallada river the matter will be looked into.

Your request to open an Ayurvedic school at Quilon will be considered. The Director of Ayurveda will be asked to report on the matter.

Member.—The train from the east does not arrive at Quilon at convenient hours.

President.—The South Indian Railway authorities will be addressed in the matter.

149. Some needs of the Kottayam taluk.

Mr. Thoma Varkki (Member, Kottayam taluk) requested that the site where the Atirampuzha market was situated might be excluded from the *kottuviruthi* system of tenure, that the market be improved, that a separate fish market be opened at Atirampuzha, that a dispensary be established at Pampadi, and that the Ettumanur English School be converted into a High School.

President's reply.—You yourself admit that the place where the Atirampuzha market is held is classed under the *kottuviruthi* tenure and that it belongs to the Ettumanur Devaswom. *Inam* pattas were issued at the settlement for that property under the *viruthi* tenure. So nothing can be done now. You instanced a case in which some other properties were acquired in lieu of *viruthi* properties and compensation awarded to the *márúns* who were holders thereof, and suggested that the same procedure might be adopted in the present case also. This suggestion is noted.

With regard to the transfer of the market, the matter is still under consideration and your representation will receive careful attention on receipt of the Peishkar's report.

In regard to the conversion of the Ettumanur English School into a High School, I may say that applications for the conversion of departmental Middle schools into High Schools have been received from other places and unless a special necessity is proved to exist in the matter, it will not be possible for the Government to grant your request. The Director says that there is a school close by at Mannanam, and that, if there are two schools at such a short distance, one of them will have to be closed. So it is not possible to comply with your request just now.

150. Facilities to be afforded to the Kammala community for higher education and entry into public service.

Mr. Nilakantan Muttanandam (Member, Nominated) expressed the gratitude of his community to His Highness the Maha Raja and the Government for nominating a member from among them to the Assembly. He also thanked the President for the agreeable and considerate way in which he heard the representations of the members and replied to them. He complained that, though his community was a numerous one consisting of 1,63,720 persons, it was not in the enjoyment of some of the ordinary rights of citizenship; on the other hand, it was subject to difficulties of various kinds. Many communities which formerly occupied a lower position than theirs had now risen above them owing to the advantages secured through representations at the Assembly. Though as artisans his community was of use to all men in all parts of the world, he complained that the Travancore Government had left them in the cold.

The Member made two requests to the Government. The first was for the grant of some educational concessions, similar to those given to other communities, till their condition improved, and the second was the need for better encouragement being shown to them by certain officers in the matter of appointments.

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